

"The Road to the Reconstruction of the World"

By HASHIMOTO, Kingoro, 1941.

Pages 3-4. "After pondering deeply on how to reform Japan, I have been able to come to a definite plan, and soon after I return to my old post in the Military General Staff, I took measures to realize this plan. I would not say that this was the only cause, but, anyway, thereafter the Manchurian Incident, the withdrawal from the League of Nations, the Abolition of the Disarmament Treaty and, at homeland, the May 15 Incident, the SHIMPEITAI (Divine Soldiers Corps) Incident and the February 26 Incident successively occurred.

Page 7. "I firmly believe that the intention and the practice of the "DAI NIPPON SEINENTO" (or Great Japan Young Men's Association) is also adaptable to the general trend of the world. From that very moment when Japan realizes a new epochal national order, she can take leadership, as a newly born Empire, in reorganizing the national structure of the world. It would by no means be a falsity or exaggeration if I say that Japan's national polity will shine over the world.

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"To the Young Men"

"The various nations of the world can be divided into two groups, namely the oppressors and the oppressed, although there may be differences in their degree. Taking a wide view of the situation after the World War I, the Anglo-Saxon countries are the oppressors while Germany and Italy are the oppressed.

"As to the small weak countries, they, of course, are the most oppressed. Those oppressed nations have continued anomalous efforts, for self-existence, to escape the position of the oppressed by all possible means and if possible to remove themselves to the position of the oppressor.

"That in order to surpass the oppressors, the oppressed nations must resort to some new method and means unpossessed by the oppressors, and that it is impossible to realize it by the usual way is as the adoption of peculiar weapons and tactics by Germany in the present war. As a natural result, the intention of the oppressed countries turned towards the establishment of the totalitarian national order that is completely against the liberalistic national order. It is theoretically natural that the national order under totalitarianism surpasses that under liberalism in exalting the national prestige. The rise of Germany and Italy entirely owes to this superior national order. These totalitarian nations fully used their real ability and stimulated the totalitarianization of the world.

"This may generally be said to be universal and historical inevitability for new order movement. It may be said to be the best and highest order created by the oppressed after being driven to extremity.

"Therefore, the new orders of Germany and Italy were born as a result of their anomalous efforts and struggle which were made internationally and internally.

"Here in Japan too, since the MANCHURIAN INCIDENT, the task of establishing a new order has been carried on with various sacrifices, and recently it seems to be nearing the final goal.

Page 10. "A new national order without struggle is meaningless. The establishment of the New National order without a fight will fall to something like the 'National Spiritual Mobilization Movement.'

"The New National order which is going to be established in Japan today has a strong tendency to be one without a fight, recommended from above. We can do nothing with this tendency now; but after the establishment of the New Order, we must ask for a fight. A fight needs an objective to attack.

Page 12. "The organization of the New National Order must always be active. It should be most strictly prohibited to play with theories on the desk, mislead the people with disguised personality, or act for the sake of interest. We should continue to fight bravely with the charm and pressure of actual practice.

Page 24. "The New National Order which is spoken of today must not merely be the order of Japan, but it must be one with high ideal, that is, one with universality. By its establishment the New National Order must shine over the world. It must manifest the ideal of HAKKO ICHIU (the whole world under one roof), as claimed by Emperor JIMMU. In other words, it must cover the world by the august virtue of His Majesty. Its objective must be to make the influence of the Imperial administration extend throughout the world.

Page 37. "I established the DAI NIPPON SEINENTO (or Great Japan Young Men's Association) four years ago, just after I retired from the active list of the Army. Its leading principles quite agree to the New National Order, much spoken of now, and I do not hesitate to say that as for the New National Order, the DAI NIPPON SEINENTO rather stands as its elder brother. Its leading principle is TENNO KIITSU (unity with the Emperor) and HAKKO ICHIU (the whole world under one roof). But, as it is quite meaningless to advocate it merely on the

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(Page 94.) At least, the first problem to be settled must be to decide on the basic part for the composition of new China. The Japanese-British negotiation and all other devices should be carried on in such a way as to enable Japan to attain her great objective.

(Page 95) "Secondly, Manchoukuo and China should establish a great federation with Japan as its leader. In the forthcoming New Order of East Asia, it is necessary to organize a "self-supporting and self-sufficient bloc" in order to prevent external aggression, and that economic and defensive bloc should look upon Japan, the saviour of East Asia, as its leader. Namely, the best way is to enact the Constitution of the Federation, under which Japan holds the leadership in military affairs, diplomacy, communication, etc., and to have each participating country make its own constitution within the sphere provided by the highest constitution (that is, the constitution of the Federation T.M.)

(Page 96.) This means "to grant them limited autonomy" described in that part entitled 'Diplomatic Leap' in my Declaration. The freedom of trade and any other kind of freedom should never be granted to those nations which do not recognize this federation, and friendly relations should be made with those which recognize and support it.

(Page 99.) "The present situation in Europe is a golden opportunity for us to utilize. The common enemies for Germany, Italy and Japan are a group of democratic countries like Britain and France. If we are disunited when those enemies are working under joint operation, we can never expect to enjoy an overwhelming victory. The key point of the stratagem of Britain and France is to prevent by all means the union of Germany, Italy and Japan.

(Page 100.) This is a subtle tactic of individual defeat by which they attempt to encircle Germany and Italy in Europe and isolate Japan in the East Asia for the purpose of solving the Incident favorably for Britain. That is an open expression of Britain's intention to grasp the determining and controlling rights over the present situation. An immediate military alliance between Japan, Germany and Italy should be concluded although it is already a little too late. The British supremacy must be deprived of and be overthrown from its roots. Thus the AMANO IWATO (Heavenly Cave) that obstructs the establishment of our intended New Order of the East Asia can be opened. If Japan, Germany and Italy conclude a military alliance, in case we face a crisis, we can naturally count on the collaboration of Germany and Italy. The three countries will thus be united by fate, and the great synthetic power from the union will enable us to grasp the leadership over the world.

(Page 105.) "The essential conditions for establishing an "Asiatic Bloc" are

1. Establishment of the Spirit of the "Imperial Way" which shall penetrate all member nations.
2. Political unity.
3. Cooperation for the defense.
4. Establishment of self-sufficiency organ for the rise of mutual culture and actual power.

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Pages 109-110.) "As for the German-Italian Axis, a half-hearted strengthening of this axis is to be avoided. The attitude that a strengthening of the axis is not necessarily directed against Britain and the U. S. is dangerous, because as a result of such attitude, Japan shall be compelled to float between the new and old orders of the world and finally she must be attacked from both European and American Blocs. Therefore, we should work impetuously towards the strengthening of the German-Italian Axis and the establishment of a self-supporting and self-sufficing sphere.

(Pages 118-119.) "We are now facing a grave crisis. Japan is now standing on the watershed (T.N. crossroad) of an epochal rise or a withdrawal and fall. This is a time for the people to choose decisively between rise and fall. If our people will unite all their power and rise, this crisis will constitute an unprecedented opportunity for Japan, the China Incident can be immediately solved, and Japan can become the leader of East Asia. It entirely depends upon how much our people are determined. Where there is a will to do something, there is a way to attain an objective. But if we dally away our time, the assault entrance for the construction of Great Japan, which we cut open after two painful years, will be repaired by Britain, France and Russia, and their encircling formation for blockading will be completed.

"Around the Tientsin Incident, the encircling policy of Britain, France, Soviet and the U. S. gradually began to show its hand everywhere. It is too clear that the hostile atmosphere in Corons Concession, the Nomonhan Incident, the one-side abandonment of Commerce and Navigation Treaty by the U. S., and the scheme of England, America and France in banning FaPi and rejecting the delivery of silver ingots at the Tokyo conference, were all directed to the completion of a line of blockade against Japan. They have been carrying on everything well planned. Only those blinded pro-British and Russia phobian persons can not read their minds. Indeed, our people hate their ambition from the bottom of their hearts.

(Page 122.) "A golden opportunity, if not caught in a second, will go away in a second. If our country, solidly unified, would take positive steps towards attacking and annihilating Britain and towards the conclusion of a military alliance with Germany and Italy, Britain would surely begin to withdraw. Then their blockade against Japan will automatically dissolve in a minute, and Britain's enterprise in East Asia will disappear like a dream under daylight when Great Japan, the sun, will shine brilliantly over East Asia.

(Page 123.) "The time has come to rise for the realization of the country's policy of HAKKO ICHIU (the whole world under one roof). The moment the resolution to go through this, single-handed, is made by government and people, our country will have the power to lead the world and will be able to have almost all other countries dance under Japan's baton. The solution of the problem relating to Britain as well as of the China Incident will only be a question of a few days.

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(Pages 124-125.) "Britain was boasting of her glory, controlling and exploiting men and countries under materialistic liberalism, but now the time has come for her to decline and withdraw from the course of history. A new order is to come after the fall of Britain. New things are now growing. If only England's supremacy, which is the old shell obstructing the development of new things, is now destroyed, all the conditions are prepared for the appearance of a brilliant new world. Britain's decline in Europe is now undisguisable. Germany, Italy and Soviet Russia all conflicted with Britain, attempting to get rid of the old national order. The overthrow of England is the common object of these countries that look towards a new order. Britain's marked decline shows a tendency of history to turn from British aspect, and it is really our urgent duty to promote this tendency to hasten the reconstruction of the world.

(Page 129.) We should make the overthrow of Britain and the emancipation of Asia the axis of the country's policy, and we should settle all policies organically, promptly and thoroughly. The following are the problems requiring very quick settlement.

1. Immediate solution of the China Incident.
2. Establishment of self-supporting and self-sufficing economic system of East Asia.
3. Organization of the Asiatic Federation under the leadership of Japan.
4. Readjustment of the diplomacy towards Soviet Russia.
5. Leading the various friendly nations towards an establishment of a thoroughly anti-British policy.

The most important thing for us is to carry them out immediately and thoroughly.

(Page 139.) "The key point to the solution of the China Incident is to subjugate Britain. The establishment of a new political power without doing this is meaningless.

(Page 146) "The expulsion of liberalism is in a concrete sense the expulsion of Britain, and the expulsion of communism is the expulsion of Soviet Russia.

(Pages 153-154.) Japan will be lacking sense if she consciously refrains from shaking hands with Soviet Russia, who is now seeking good political and economic friendship with Japan only for the reason that it will hurt the feelings of the U. S. A. Is it not wise at this time to adopt a policy that will compel the U. S. A., whether she likes it or not, to seek our friendship by our shaking hands with Soviet Russia and touching the sore spot of the U. S. A.?

(Pages 164-165.) "The southward drive means the expulsion of Britain, because our southward drive policy will inevitably bring about a friction with Britain who boasts her supremacy over the South, and without driving Britain out, it is impossible to carry out our southward drive policy. Consequently, the southward drive policy will, also in the homeland, result in the abandonment of the principle of free trade which is led by Britain, and the southward drive policy, which will bring about an economic renovation in the homeland,

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aims at the establishment of economic bloc including East Asia, destroying Britain's financial capital now controlling the world. Moreover that policy, in the meaning that it attempts to establish self-sustaining and self-sufficing system, which is another leading principle, will overthrow the control by financial capital in the homeland and necessitates us to carry out an economic renovation after which materialistic economics will come to existence. I say, therefore, the southward drive means breaking Britain, and breaking Britain means renovation in the homeland.

(Page 167.) "The South Sea regions are the constant aim of the advance of our country's racial driving power. In view of the serious problem of population in our country, superior merchants and industrialists of middle and lower classes should advance to these regions to devote themselves for increasing the bloc production, and both in technique and capital, they should break the British and French monopolies to exploit the abundant natural resources in these regions. This will not only increase our country's power but will also elevate the culture of various races involved in the bloc, and moreover, will result in the good utilization of all the labor and products which have been exploited by Britain and France, for the improvement and development of their own living and culture.

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papers, I have gathered the young men and I have about 50,000 members at present with the objective to establish a national organization for realizing this spirit. And it is my intention to conform the noble spirit springing from the principle of unity with the Emperor to modern (philosophical) science. That is, it is my policy to conform to modern (philosophical) science the economics, politics, diplomacy and armament based upon the principle of the unity with the Emperor, which agrees to the noble spirit of AMATERASU OKAMI in mythological age and of the foundation of our country by Emperor JIMMU. This is clearly written in the "Principles and Programme of the DAI NIPPON SEIJUNTO."

Page 49. "Around the Meiji Restoration Era, the beauty of our national constitution was remarkably exhibited and there was seen among the people the brilliant spirit of intrepidity and self-sacrifice for the country. Later, in excess of hurry for importing foreign civilization, the faith of the people toward the national constitution was so much weakened that western thoughts came flowering in and swayed the minds of the people.

"Against such regrettable tendency, the Manchurian and China Incidents and various incidents attempting to awake internal reform successively occurred. However, despite them all, the thoughts of liberalism are now destroying the center of politics, economics and culture of Japan in no small way. We should now take a bold leap to revive the racial spirit peculiar to the Japanese, otherwise there is much fear that the great spirit shown in the founding of this country by Emperor JIMMU will come to a long standstill.

"We are now confronted by an urgent need to establish the great principle of Japanese Race and to concentrate all the pure blood of the people on realizing the ideas in the principle.

Page 57. "Even CHIANG KAI-SHEK must be well aware that even from viewpoint of thought alone, the national constitution of Japan is absolutely incompatible with communism, and it is for this reason that the defence against communism was specified in UMEZU-HO YING-CHIN Agreement. It is also a clear fact that Japan proposed to China the joint defence against communism, involving it in the three big principles for adjusting diplomacy with China. That CHIANG is collaborating with Communist bandits regardless of this absolute stand of Japan is in itself an unmistakable challenge of CHIANG against Japan.

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The Brief History of the DAI NIPPON SEKISEIKAI

(Great Japan Ultra Loyalist Association)

P. 182-183 "The DAI NIPPON SEKISEIKAI is an association of thought and culture which was established on 3 November the 11th year of SHOWA (1940), through the reorganization of the DAI NIPPON SEININTEI (Great Japan Young Men's Association). Consequently, the brief history of the DAI NIPPON SEKISEIKAI begins with the brief history of the DAI NIPPON SEININTEI, but the first page of this history will be about the thoughts and activities of HASHIMOTO, Kingoro, the founder and actual leader of the DAI NIPPON SEININTEI, and the origin of the DAI NIPPON SEININTEI, will also be traced here.

"President HASHIMOTO, then the President of the DAI NIPPON SEININTEI, in a statement entitled "To the Young Men" which appeared in the first issue of his party magazine "TAITO DAI NIPPON" (Great Japan, The Sun), manifested his sincere and loyal spirit towards the fatherland, describing his brief personal history. According to him, our President, after graduating from the Military College, was busily engaged in study on Russian Revolution at the Russia Section of the Military General Staff. In the second year of SHOWA (1927), he was sent to Turkey as a military attache to the Embassy, and got acquainted with Dictator KEMAL PASHA while staying in Ankara, the capital. After three years stay in Europe, he returned home in SHOWA 5 (1930). During his stay in Europe, he was greatly influenced and impressed by Dictator KEMAL PASHA of Turkey, Stalin of Soviet Russia, who was the main object of his study, Mussolini of Italy, Hitler of Germany, Liza Mann of Persia, and other statesmen whose trends of government were common in directing towards the strict control of state, despite their different motives and origins.

P. 184-185. "In August of the 11th year of SHOWA (1936), when the February 26 Incident occurred, our Colonel HASHIMOTO left the actual service of the Army. However, the knowledge gained by Colonel HASHIMOTO during the seven years of actual revolutionary movement gave rise to the birth of the Dai NIPPON SEININTEI. That is, with his resignation from actual service of the Army, his indomitable revolutionary faith was more and more strengthened and systematized, and the popularization and systematization of the reformation movements came to constitute a problem of reality.

P. 185-186 "The Dai NIPPON SEININTEI is a union of those who desire to live in a new generation. It is a concentration of youthful blood stirring for that objective. The aim is the reformation. For reformation, the blood and heated spirit are absolutely essential..

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That blood and heated spirit are possessed only by the young men. Speaking physically, the senile persons can never be able to accomplish a great task of the 2nd Restoration. What we attempt to carry out is a Reformation. That is why I expect so much especially in the young men who possess pure and sincere mind. 'To make the young men the backbone of Rising Japan and to contribute the whole material and immaterial strength of the Japanese Race to the Emperor must be the way most loyal to our country. That is the Spirit of the Dai NIPPON SEIHEITO'.

(An abstract from "I will swear with you")

"This loyal spirit and revolutionary thought of President HASHIMOTO, which is shown in the above passage was described in his "Announcement and Opinions of HASHIMOTO, Kingoro" (published on 17 October, the 11th year of SHOWA (1936), which is now used, as the guidance for practice, by the Dai NIPPON SEIKISEIKAI. In compliance with this announcement, the reporting ceremony of the organization of the Dai NIPPON SEIHEITO was held at the Meiji Shrine in the presence of the God early in the morning of 17 October, the 11th year of SHOWA (1936). Those who participated in this ceremony were only eight members. And soon after the organization, on 7 July, the 12th year of SHOWA (1937), the China Incident occurred, and in August President HASHIMOTO by Imperial Orders, went spiritedly to the front, leaving everything of his party to his advisor, General TATEKAWA.

P. 186 "On 17 October, the 13th year of SHOWA (1938), just one year after the organization of the party, the first general meeting was held at the SANKAI DO Hall, Akasaka, Tokyo, under the leadership of Advisor General TATEKAWA, and 610 representative members from 1 district, 3 urban prefectures, and 17 prefectures participated in it. In a report made at the meeting, the number of all the members in the country was stated as 2,651 and associate members and those under the influence of the party as about 40,000.

P. 187 The Outline of the Principle of the Movement

"The aim of the party is to unify the national activities and establish a national structure of epochal Great Japan by the 'spirit of unity with the Emperor', based upon the principle and opinions described in HASHIMOTO Declaration made at the time of the establishment of the party. By 'The Principle of the Movement', I mean here to show you how to carry out the movement to realize what was declared, especially how to move under the present China Incident.

P. 187-190. "The grave crisis our country is now facing is too fundamental and too deep-rooted to regard it as having been created consciously. This crisis is the overture for a conflict between the liberalistic and materialistic cultural system that was controlling the old world and the new cultural system that is substantially different from the old. The result of such a conflict will determine the
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direction of the future history of the world. Therefore, it may be regarded as a beginning of the world war that will determine what sort of culture is to undertake to create the new world. It is now the mission of our country to play an important role in determining the above. The moralization of the world and the epochal development of our racial life are indivisible. To be an honorable creator of history is the only and absolute mission of our country and a way to give this country an eternal life. The three important points of this principle can be summarized as follows:

F. 188 1. Facing a crisis of the world war which is approaching us every moment; after the occurrence of the China Incident our party advocates a big scale national movement involving all our countrymen. At the front our loyal officers and men of the Imperial Army are devoting themselves to carry out a bold task to realize Japan's ideals, sacrificing their individual lives for the extension and development of the Japanese racial life, and are fully using their absolute lives as the Japanese race, transcending such relative feeling as patriotic order or punishment upon lawless China. Thus the immortal spirit of the Japanese race is again realized in the activities of our officers and men, and here the strength for creating history is growing, enabling them to accomplish the racial mission. On the other hand, in the homeland, we see unselfish leap of racial life among the people, which comes from the same source of racial blood. Our national movement must be such as to stir the life of both the front and the homeland and carry out national activities running through both (the front and homeland). Therefore, the national movement proposed by our party may be defined as the country-wide movement for establishing a new national order by completely breaking the existing foreign supremacy and by conquering the present grave situation.

2. The enemies against this national movement are firstly the 'status quo maintenance groups' and secondly the 'popular front' groups disguised as nationalists.

The first group involves those political and economic powers with the financial capitalists as its main power. They are unable to cooperate with those who devote their lives at the front under the highest and noblest spirit of self-sacrifice and still stick onto their selfish activities. These fellows are really 'enemies within the gates' whom we should defeat as crooks. To such people who put secondary importance upon a homeland renovation for the time being because of the present war condition, we must emphasize that it is impossible to carry out a war under the current internal condition and that it is necessary to hasten a homeland renovation and overcome all the internal frictions because of the very fact that we are now in a war. If the 'status quo maintenance' powers do not awaken to this reasoning, they must be expelled. The foreign expedition and homeland renovation should be unified and carried out under the same leading principle and the same political center. The internal unification should be the premise for the success in foreign expedition, and this unification

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should be a renovation aiming at the realization of a real national structure.

The sacrifice of the lives of officers and men at the front is the same spirit as the execution of an internal renovation by the homeland people for rooting out internal troubles. Therefore, we must carry out a homeland renovation, collaborating with those engaged in expeditional task. As to the second enemies, they are merely disguised 'popular front' elements. There is a big fear that if there is a chance, they will immediately take off their disguise or perhaps will become anti-war pacifists and will bring this country into a big confusion of class struggle during and after the war. So, an immediate expulsion of these elements and destruction of their base must be our most urgent task not only for the concentration of our national power but also for the stabilization of the post-war situation.

3. Our strife always aims at the realization of our ideals, and therefore it is a strife for the good against the evil, opposing to all the lawless actions both inside and outside of the country, which disturb the concentration of our power on the realization and development of righteous life. It is a constant strife for returning to 'absolute life', and therefore, as long as the evil exists, we should strive forever.

Our party is now in a favorable position to annihilate the enemies at a blow, keeping a well-prepared offensive stand and poling down the current of historical inevitability. And in order to obtain the final victory, we should first concentrate and unify the power of our party. Our party shares the fate with the growth of Great Japan. The growth of our party is the growth of Japan. The assertions of our party are being gradually realized by the activities of the party members based on their belief, and actually our assertions are enjoying the support of the general public. The superior members are increasing in number, and if we concentrate their power to realize our assertions, it will surely be possible to defeat the surrounding enemies.

Page 60. "The World War in the Far East is a fight between Japan, a "Have-not" and Britain, America, France and Russia, all "Haves."

"Those satisfied nations in Europe and America, not pleased with Japan's big advancement after the World War I, agitated China to carry out anti-Japan movements. Although foolish China is now acting against Japan, being pushed to the front, she is actually nothing but a puppet of Britain, America, France, Russia, etc.

Page 61. "The recent LUKOUCHIAO Incident must not be regarded merely as an anti-Japan event, and we should see through it that behind the scene there worked a chain of anti-Japan Powers like Britain, America, France and Russia. In case the North China Incident has developed to a real world war, Japan will have to spend war expenditure amounting to at least over fifteen billion yen a year. A great part of this tremendous amount of war expenditure must rely on internal bond, but under the present capitalistic organization the fact is that even issuance of only one billion yen bond brings about a big difficulty in digesting it. Therefore, we should reform the present economic organization at any risk, otherwise we can hardly get war expenditure amounting to more than fifteen billion yen, and it becomes impossible to carry out a war.

"As Japan already started on a "righteous war" (or a holy war) at the risk of her national fate, she must fight to the end. If so, Japan ought to establish immediately a wartime organization as the first step towards a reform in economic system.

"For those nations participating in a big war, the political form must be a one-party system.

"Only under a political structure of a one-party system in unity with the Emperor, are the concentration of national force on one important point and the maximum enhancement of national glory possible. We should accomplish very prompt reforms in internal political and economic organizations as well as the punishment upon China.

P.74. "As the armament of Japan is for subjugating those opposing to Imperial Japan, it is necessary for us to have an invincible armament, and the center of the armament shall be the air force that should be organized very promptly as an invincible air force.

Page 87. "It needs no explanation that the Incident would be immediately solved if we attack and expel England, which is backing CHIANG KAI-SHEK. CHIANG's Government would

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Therefore, unless we are going to annex and unify the other parties under this strong fighting spirit we should not look around to seek collaborators or commit such a foolish action as to establish a national front against a popular front. We should only do our best to increase and replete the real power of our party, not heeding others. We should invite to our camp only those who can act in compliance with the spirit of unity with the Emperor, and devote ourselves to increase our party power, strenuously purifying the camp.

(P. 191) "And one year of strife has passed. On 17 October, the 13th year of SHOWA (1938) the 2nd General Meeting was held at the big lecture hall of the NIPPON SEINEN KAN, in the outer field of the MEIJI SHRINE, Aoyama, Tokyo, and about 1,000 representatives from one district, 3 urban prefectures and 20 prefectures participated in it. OKAWA, Shumei, Baron KIKUCHI, Major General, MATSUMOTO, KOBAYASHI, Junichiro, and other guests also participated in it, showing that the party power and animation were doubled compared with those at the 1st General Meeting."

(P. 192-195) The Organization Activities. "As to the enlargement of the organization, the headquarters always tried to stimulate the branches all over the country in this line and put its efforts in propaganda activities such as labels, posters, speeches, lectures and discussion meetings, which should come before any organization.

With the prolonging of the Japan-China War we have anticipated many difficulties lying in the future of this country, and not being satisfied with the existing activities of the organization, which depends upon national development, we have felt the need of making leap within a short time so as to be prepared to rise at any time. For this reason Adviser TATEKAWA made an announcement on the 15th May, for obtaining ten thousand party members. Although no satisfactory result was gotten for this year as to the organization activities, there is no doubt that we are making a steady progress. At the 1st General Meeting the total number of the members was 2,651 including 1,300 candidates for membership, but at present (10 October) it has reached 7,383, including 5,018 who have completely paid membership fees and 2,365 candidates for membership, and 17 new branches have been added, making a total of 24, which was formerly 5. Moreover, various new bodies in relation to labor parties have been organized, and especially the TOKYO TRAFFIC LABOR UNION and the OSAKA TRAFFIC LABOR UNION, which were regarded as the leaders of the popular front in the past, have come under our banner, after being dissolved, and have established a new body based on Japanism.

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It is worthy of special mention that the new body is increasing potential power among the traffic industry laborers in the entire country and stimulating the SUIHEI SHA (a levelling league) all over the country to turn to Japanism and start on a new birth movement.

2. EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.

Our party's aim for educating the members is to thoroughly understand the party principle and to foster organization leaders by teaching the methods of realization and organization. The methods are the same as in last year, that is, by education through researches and training through actual activities. And under the auspices of the headquarters there was held an itinerant course in Tokyo District from 12 April to 29; in Osaka, Kyoto, Kobe, Nagoya, Kuwana, Gifu, Shimizu, Omiya, Ichikawa, Shuzinji and Kawasaki from 6 May to 29; the 2nd term of itinerant course in Shimonoseki, Moji, Kokura, Fukuoka, Saga, Kurume and Iizuka from 15 June to 22, and the 3rd term course at the headquarters from 15 August to 24 for the leading members in the country.

3. GENERAL ACTIVITIES.

Dispatching consolation bodies to the Imperial Army. In order to express an appreciation of the people in the homeland for the hard fighting of the brave and loyal imperial military men in the front, on one hand, and to prepare on the other hand, to incite the public opinion for encouraging the national mobilization order to meet the new stage of the situation, our party dispatched, by order of Adviser TATEKAWA, 7 men represented from various localities to Middle and South China for the purpose of consoling the men at the front. After one month's consolation trip they came back and reported to the general public the hardship our soldiers were going through and at the same time appealed to the people the necessity of making solid resolution and establishing the national order to meet the prolonged conflict at more than 300 lecture meetings held all over the country.

(P.195) Movement for enacting the national mobilization law (6 March): The government had no burning desire of passing the general mobilization bill, which is of absolute necessity, at the 73rd Session of the Diet while the existing political parties gave distorted reasons and tried to prevent passing of the bill. Therefore, in order to make the bill pass immediately through the Diet without any alteration our party demanded a decided attitude of the government on one hand and on the other hand to stop the dangerous doings of the existing political parties, which were trying to prevent the strengthening of our country's

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foundation and the passing of the bill through the Diet, a large scale national movement was opened throughout the country, centering around the important cities such as Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, etc. Finally the bill was passed through the Diet without any alteration.

Our chief activities this year in general were a demonstration requesting the British Embassy in Japan, which disturbs the Far East, to "withdraw from China!" This was carried out on 25 November at the national mass meeting for congratulating the formation of the anti-Comintern Pact; also movement to get signs to hasten the passage of agricultural land readjustment bill and agricultural insurance bill, and movement for praying for our President's victory in the front. We also made an effort requiring the establishment of fundamental policy against China in criticising the KONOYE Cabinet's weak diplomacy in attacking capitalistic economic policy in the abolition of popular front and in reforming universities.

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3. THE PRESIDENT'S RETURN.

Right after the formation of the party and as soon as the China Incident occurred, our President HASHIMOTO was called to colors. After one year and seven months' brilliant work in North and Central China, he flew back to Fukuoka on March 25th, SHOWA 14 (1939). What we should take a notice of is that the President, who immediately took up reign of the party after his return, carried out a reformation of the party. In any movement there will always be some unfavorable active elements involved as it expands. Whether a movement will continue its natural development or will corrupt simply depends upon whether or not there is a reformation. That is to say, there is no development in an organization which has no self-reformation self-purification. President HASHIMOTO has, after his return, sternly carried out this self-purification.

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4. THE 3RD GENERAL MEETING.

The 3rd General Meeting was held on 19 November, the 14th year of SHOWA (1939) at the Hibiya Public Hall, Tokyo, and about 2,500 members from all over the country participated in it. The number of participants has thus steadily increased, 600 at the 1st assembly, 1,000 at the 2nd and 2,500 at the 3rd, and the total number of the regular members all over the country has reached 10,000. The party much more convinced that it could become a real power capable of carrying out a reformation of the time, was very highly spirited.

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(P. 203) We swore by God, at this moment of our President's return, to endeavor to purify ourselves, root out all the evils and the impurities, return to the true character of our party, and based upon the "HASHIMOTO DECLARATION", grasp the leadership of reformation camps, become the propelling power for assisting the Emperor and establish a new epochal national order for the purpose of performing the great mission and to realize the great ideal of TENNO KIITSU (unity with the Emperor) and HAKKO ICHIU (the whole world under one roof). The spirit shown in the President's "Pray for Soldiers", his first utterance after his return, was realized in an actual policy for complete solution of the China Incident that was promised to those noble souls of one hundred thousand officers and men who sacrificed their lives to make themselves the foundation of the establishment of the New East Asia and to their families.

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(P. 204) The movement for demanding the conclusion of the Japan-Germany-Italy Military Alliance and our President's first activity after his return, were to attempt to overthrow Britain, a common enemy in this century, by adjusting the camps for breaking the status quo and strengthening the Japan-Germany-Italy Anti-Comintern Pact. Our President's words, "Britain is not a third country but a real enemy", which was uttered from the front as a fruit of his valuable experience in the battlefield, played a pioneering role for the movement to subjugate Britain, and brought, in a moment, the entire Japan to an anti-British feeling. Despite such an active national movement, the mediocre HIRANUMA Cabinet did not know what policy to take and not realizing the rapid development of the time, could not decide whether or not to conclude (the Japan-Germany-Italy Military Alliance) T.N. The Five Ministers Conference was held seventy times and lasted eight long months but it could not come to any decision. At this time the Treaty of Non-Aggression was suddenly concluded between Germany and Soviet Russia. That news gave a big surprise to the whole world and compelled the HIRANUMA Cabinet to cry "The matter is too complicated and mysterious" and resign enbloc. HIRANUMA said the matter was too complicated and mysterious, but it is necessary for us to observe the situation very coolly and see whether it is really such as said by HIRANUMA or whether Germany betrayed Japan.

We should refrain from taking such a frivolous attitude as to condemn a friend country of yesterday as an irreconcilable enemy, believing mistakenly the news from the part of Britain that is working to alienate Japan, Germany and Italy, and we should rather reflect well on the internal circumstances of Japan, which have made Germany take such a step. I believe it will not be too much to say that Japan is half responsible for having made Germany resort to such an action.

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Anyway, this event means the complete victory of German diplomacy and the miserable failure of British diplomacy. That the new situation, which resulted from the incompetency of mediocre HIRANUMA Cabinet, is developing rather favorably for Japan is really a good opportunity given by God, and Japan should now concentrate all its strength on carrying out our holy war, the China Incident.

Germany, who succeeded in breaking one part of the encircling formation against Germany by means of the German-Soviet Non-Aggression Treaty, immediately opened its attack on Poland and thus the European War was started with the denial and destruction of the order established by the Treaty of Versailles. (P. 206). Britain, now facing strong enemies both in the East and the West, vainly looks after the vision in the past and is busily engaged in trying to maintain the status quo. The gravity of her downfall will proportionate to her well-trained deception, and brilliancy of the dawn of a New World depends on her downfall.

The ABE Cabinet proved itself to be so foolish in announcing its "non-interfering" policy. When we think of the fact that, as a result of the China Incident, the world history is about to make a big turn with Japan as its center, we must say this is really an unprecedented opportunity to perform the great mission and realize the ideal of HAKKO ICHIU (the whole world under one roof) by leading the 2nd European War into the World War and making it the Holy War for world-wide spreading of the "Imperial Way".

The realization of both the New Order of East Asia and the world restoration are possibly only when the Imperial structure is made clear and understood. As to the establishment of the New East Asia, it is quite foolish to expect much in the present leading classes, and its realization can only be possible after the reformation of Japan is completed. At this very time when the prospect of the solution of the Incident cannot be seen and there are so many of fine-de-siecle phenomena. The 3rd General Meeting was held on 19 November at the Hibiya Hall, Tokyo, for the first time under the direct leadership of our President. The members gathered from Hokkaido, Kyushu or from Nanking and Shanghai where the battles are still being carried on, numbering 2,500, and they were all so highly spirited that it made us think the time for reformation was ripening and the day of the performance of the great task of our party was nearing.

(P. 207) The prompt establishment of the epochal national order of Great Japan and of the unified order (consolidated formation TN) of East Asia, including Japan, Manchukuo and China should be the future basic national policy of our party. We should strive to obtain 100,000 party members by the Imperial Year of 2600 (1940), making repeated efforts to carry out that policy.

The big bell has already rung for the opening of a new generation and the signal fire has already been lighted for the reformation of the age. But the dark clouds are hiding the sun. It makes us recollect that when AMATERASU OKAMI, at the time of the foundation of this country, was locked up at the AMANO IWATA (Heavenly Cave) the nights continued for some time all over the country and various ghosts walked around. Our party should become the TAJIKIRAO-NO-KAMI (who opened the Heavenly Cave to let the Sun Goddess out TN) and by breaking open the AMANO IWATO (Heavenly Door) and clearing up the dark clouds, should make this country a bright and shining Empire.

have collapsed a long time ago if there had been no help of England. It is too clear that the current Incident would be solved at once only if we attack and expel England.

"Attacking CHIANG KAI-SHEK is like fighting the wind, but if England, we would have an object that will react to our attack. If I am asked what that object is, I will answer that it is the concessions. Don't you see the concessions, which is Britain's biggest political right in China, lie within reach of your eyes?

P.88. "I would not say that only by occupying the concessions, the incident can be solved, but the occupation of the concessions means an attack on India. This is the greatest warning and enforcement by facts for Britain. Thus if Britain withdraws her hands from the China Incident, the satisfactory solution can be made. Therefore, the only way of giving meaning to the commemoration of the 2nd anniversary of the Holy War is to decide on the great policy of attacking and expelling Britain.

Page 90. "It is absolutely necessary for Japan and the Japanese people to attack and expel Britain at any risk. We have nothing but to carry out the expulsion of Britain by our power, taking advantage of the TIENTSIN Incident. Such is the way to respond to the noble souls of those who sacrificed their lives for the sake of this nation.

Page 93. "Although it is very natural and good thing that as a result of the Japanese-British negotiation, the anti-British voices have spread all over the country and this came to appear to be the public opinion of our people, but I regret that the people do not know "how to dispose of China." Concerning this problem, both the statesmen and the civilians lack definite views. In order to give meaning to the Japanese-British negotiation, the first thing we should do is to decide on how to dispose of future China. Groping in the darkness without deciding on a great policy regarding this will bring no benefit but only harm.